# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINES
# LOK SABHA

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF MINES
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has issued any directions for the closure of mines on the basis of environmental issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such mines closed/still in operation in various States particularly in Rajasthan, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which such mines are likely to be closed down?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr.T.SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) to ( c): As per available information, pursuant to the orders of the Supreme court of India on 16.12.2002 disallowing mining activities within areas which are notified as sanctuary, national park or game reserve, 284 mines in various States closed as per details given below:

| State | Number of mines closed |
|---|---|
| Karnataka | 1 |
| Goa | 25 |
| Maharashtra | 7 |
| Haryana | 80 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 3 |
| Rajasthan | 168 |

Further, in accordance with Supreme Court of India judgment dated 11.5.2005, Ministry of Environment & Forests had directed State Governments / Union territories administration to close 60 mining units, including 16 mines in Rajasthan.